

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 3 Week 2

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

School is a very busy place at the moment with pupils preparing for our cross country, choir festival and 'Stars on Stage'. Miss Cooper and the 'Stars on Stage' cast have been working very hard often in their own time to put together a top level presentation.

The arts have long been a forgotten area of our education system in New Zealand and I am very pleased that, driven by a group of motivated teachers, their importance is again being recognised.

As a society we must strive to cater for the skill, interest, needs and talents of all of our citizens and while we in New Zealand focus a lot of our interests on sports and sporting prowess, I assure you that this is not the case throughout the world.

The key for any successful society is to have balanced education of learning: the academic, the artistic and the physical equally.

Often you will find pupils who struggle in other areas come to life with enthusiasm and energy when performing. Pupils who are quiet in class speak forcefully and with much motivation in a debate setting, they beam confidence in a choir, their artwork tells a story.

We as a society must remember that while the basics in all areas are very important the parable of the talents tells us that all talents are God given and should be used. How easy would it have been for van Gough to stay with his family in Holland or Beethoven to say I can't hear anymore.

So please encourage your child to have a go at the arts we offer at school: choir, Stars on Stage, public speaking, guitar and piano lessons, a school production, and of course in class learning drama, dance, music and the visual arts.

I will leave for final word for this week to William Bennett the former US Secretary of Education who said "The arts are an essential element of education, just like reading, writing and arithmetic. Music, dance, painting, and theatre are all keys that unlock profound human understanding and accomplishment"

Have a great week, Mike Brosnahan

New Entrants

We welcome two new entrants to Room 1 and our school community:
India Dougherty and Ella Hucklebridge.



Guitar Lessons with Mrs Dillon



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Religious Education – Church Strand

Years 0-1 are learning that we belong to, participate and celebrate in communities such as our family/whanau, our school and our parish. Family/Whanau book page 18.

Year 2 are learning about our Mosgiel Parish as it gathers, celebrates, lives and prays as a community and that belonging to a parish is both a privilege and a responsibility. Family/Whanau bk page 21.

Year 3 are called to be like Jesus and learn how the Scriptures record how Jesus called his disciples and apostles to follow him. Family/Whanau pg24.

Year 4 Sacrament Strand, study the sacrament of Eucharist when we experience God's presence in the world. Family Whanau book page 28.

Year 5 are learning that central to the life of the Church is worship of God through prayers, proclamation of the word and celebration of Sacraments. Family/Whanau book page 30.

Years 6 are learning that the Church is a pilgrim people on a life journey towards God. Family/Whanau book page 33.

Year 7 are studying the Church as a teacher of God's truth and carries on this teaching role today. Family/Whanau book page 33.

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A thought for the week...

"Praise does wonders for the sense of hearing"
Anon

Altar Servers Sunday 14th August

Josh Hyde, Shannon Crooks & Mitchell Cumming

Lost Property

The lost property bin is very full, please come and check to see if you recognise anything.

Looking Ahead Term 3

August

- 11th BOT Meeting 7.30pm
- 12th Room 7 Assembly 2.20pm in the Hall
- 15th Athletics Yrs 6-8
- 15th Feast of Assumption Mass at 9.15am
- 16th Taieri Beach Cross Country, see separate notice for details.
- 16th DARE Yr 7/8 Parent Meeting 7pm in Rm 7
- 24rd Stars on Stage—Regent Theatre
- 23rd Parent Meeting for First Eucharist 7pm at the Parish Centre
- 26th Room 4 Assembly
- 30th Catholic Schools Choir—Regent Theatre

Arthur Burns Preschool fundraiser:

Buses to the Elton John Concert

Party up, get in the mood and have no worries about transport and parking.

We will take care of that for only \$20 per person return (from and to Mosgiel)

Buses depart 6:30pm from Mosgiel Post Office and the bus stop opposite the Shell Garage

The bus will return from the Stadium 20 minutes after the concert finishes.

Tickets available from Debbie Smythe

027 2799 179 or 4890 918

Ditch the workout, join the party!!

Mosgiel Soccer Club, Memorial Park - Gordon Road

6.30pm Wednesday night

\$6 non-students

\$4 students (bring i.d)

\$2 under 12's

Olivia West



PTA News ...

School Fair 6th November

White Elephant—Elegant Junk!

Please when you have your spring clean to remember our school fair is coming up and to bring to school any treasures you may have. We have space in the room beside the hall for storage. Thank you.

18th Annual Storylines Festival of New Zealand Children's Writers and Illustrators

free family day

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Saturday 20 August 2011
11am-4pm

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- Listen to stories
- Watch performances
- Watch artists in action and create your own illustrations
- Enter competitions and win prizes
- Enjoy activities, talks and stories all day
- Much, much more

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